

TRUE
RELATION
OF AN
Apparition,
Expressions and Actings,
OF A
SPIRIT,

Which Infested the House of *Andrew Mac-
kie* in *Ring-Croft* of *Stocking*, in the Pa-
roch of *Kerriek*, in the Stewartry of
Kirkcudbright, in *Scotland*. 1695

By Mr. *Alexander Telfair*, Minister of that Paroch:
and Attested by many other Persons, who
were also Eye and Ear-Witnesses.

Eph. 6. 11. Put on the whole Armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against
the wiles of the Devil.

Verf. 12. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against Principalities,
and Powers, &c,

James 4. 7. — Resist the Devil and he will flee from you.

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TO THE READER.

I Assure you It is contrare to my Genius, (all Circumstances being considered) to appear in Print to the View of the World, yet these Motives have prevailed with me, to publish the following Relation (beside the satisfying of some reverend Brethren in the Ministry, and several worthy Christians) As 1. The Conviction and Confutation of that prevailing Spirit of Atheism, and Infidelity in our time, denying both in Opinion and Practice the Existence of Spirits, either of God or Devils; and consequently a Heaven and Hell: And imputing the Voices, Apparitions and Actings of Good, or Evil Spirits, to the Melancholick Disturbance or Distemper of the Brains and Fancies of those, who pretend to hear, see, or feel them: 2. To give occasion, to all who read this, To bless the Lord, who hath sent a stronger (even *Christ Jesus*) than the

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strong Man, to bind him, and spoil him of his Goods, and to destroy the Works of the Devil, and even by these things whereby Satan thinks to propagate his Kingdom of Darknes, to discover, weaken and bring it down. 3. To induce all Persons, particularly Masters of Families, to private and Family-Prayer; lest the neglect of it provcke the Lord, nor only to pour out his Wrath upon them otherwise: But to let Satan loose to haunt their Persons and Families with audible Voices, Apparitions, and hurt to their persons and Goods. 4. That Ministers and Congregations, where the Gospel is in any measure in purity and power, may be upon their guard, to wrestle according to the Word of God, against these Principalities and Powers, and Spiritual Wickednesses, who still seek to marr the Success and Fruit of the Gospel, sometimes by force, and sometimes by fraud, sometimes secretly, and sometimes openly. (*Tunc tuares agitur, paries cum proximus ardet*) And for these Ends learn to know his Wiles, and put on the whole Armour of God, that they may be able to debate with him And 5. That all who are by the goodness of God free from these audible Voices, Apparitions or Hurts from Satan, may learn to ascribe Praise and Glory to God, who leads them not into Temptation, but delivers them from Evil: And that this true and attested Account of Satan's Methods in this Place, may carry the foresaid Ends, is the earnest Prayer of

An weak Labourer in the Work of the Gospel in that Place, and Your servant for Christ's sake

Edinburgh,

Decr. 21, 1691.

ALEXANDER TELFAIR.

*A true Relation of an Apparition,
Expressions and Actings, of a Spi-
rit, which Infested the House of
Andrew Mackie in Ring-
Croft of Stocking, in the Paroch
of Rerrick, in the Stewartry of
Kirkcudbright, in Scotland.*

W Hereas many are desirous to know the Truth of the Matter, as to the Evil Spirit and its Actings, that troubleth the Family of *Andrew Mackie* in *Ring-Croft of Stocking, &c.* and are lyable to be mis-informed, as I do find by the reports that come to my own Ears of that matter. Therefore that satisfaction may be given, and such mistakes may be cured or prevented: *I the Minister of the said Paroch* (who was present several times, and was Witness to many of its Actings, and have heard an Account of the whole of its Methods and Actings from the persons present, towards whom, and before whom it did act) have given the ensuing, and short Account of the whole

whole Matter: which I can attest to be the very Truth as to that Affair and before I come to the Relation it self, I premise these things with respect to what might have been the occasion and rise of that Spirits appearing and acting.

1. The said *Andrew Mackie* being a Meason to his Employment, 'tis given out, that when he took the *Meason-word*, he devoted his first Child to the Devil: But I am certainly informed, he never took the same, and knows not what that *Word* is. He is outwardly Moral, there is nothing known to his Life and Conversation, but honest, civil, and harmless. beyond many of his Neighbours, doth delight in the Company of the best; and when he was under the Trouble of that evil Spirit, did pray to the great satisfaction of many. As for his *Wife and Children*, none have imputed any thing to them as the rise of it, nor is there any ground, for ought I know, for any to do so.

2. Whereas its given out that a Woman *sub malâ famâ*, did leave some Cloaths in that house, in the Custody of the said *Andrew Mackie*, and died before they were given up to her; and he or his Wife should have kept some of them back from her friends: I did seriously pole both him and his Wife upon the Matter, they declared they knew not what things were left, being bound up in a Sack, but did deliver entirely to her Freinds all they received from the *Woman*, which I am apt to believe.

3. Whereas one *Macknaught*, who sometimes before possessed that House, did not thrive in his own Person, or Goods: It seems he had sent his Son to a *Wuch-wife*, who lived then at the *Routing-bridge*, in the Paroch of *Iron-gray*, to enquire what might be the cause of the decay of his Person and Goods: the Youth meeting with some Forreign Souldiers, went abroad to *Flanders*, and did not return with an Answer. Some years after there was one *John Redick* in this Paroch, who having had occasion to go abroad, met with the said young *Macknaught* in *Flanders*, and they knowing other, *Macknaught* enquired after his Father and other Friends; and finding the said *John Redick* was to go home, desired him to go to his Father, or who ever dwelt in the *Ring-croft*, and desire them to raise the door-threshold, and search, till they found a Tooth, and burn it, for none who dwell in that house would thrive till that was done. The said *John Redick* coming home, and finding the old man *Macknaught* dead, and his Wife out of that place, did never mention the matter, nor further mind it, till this trouble was in *Andrew Mackie's* Family; then he spoke of it, and told the mat-

ter to my self Betwixt *Macknight's* death, and *Andrew Mackie's* Possession of this House, there was one *Thomas Telfair*, who posselt it some years; what way he heard the Report of what the *Witch-wife* had said to *Macknight's* Son, I cannot tell; but he searcht the door-threshold, and found something like a Tooth, did compare it with the Tooth of Man, Horse, Nolt and Sheep (as he said to me) but could not say which it did resemble, only it did resemble a Tooth: he did cast it in the fire, where it burnt like a Candle, or so much Tallow; yet he never knew any trouble about that house by night or by day, before or after, during his Possession. These things premised, being suspected to have been the occasion of the Trouble; and there being no more known as to them, than what is now declared, I do think the matter still unknown, what may have given an arise thereto. But leaving this I subjoin the matter as follows.

In the Moneth of *February*, the said *Andrew Mackie* had some young Beasts, which in the night time were still loosed, and their Bindings broken: he taking it to be the unrulynels of the Beasts, did make stronger and stronger Bindings of Withes and other things, but still all were broken: at last he suspected it to be some other thing, whereupon he removed them out of that place, and the first night thereafter, one of them was bound with a Hair-tedder to the balk of the house, so strait that the feet of the Beast only touched the ground, but could not move no way else, yet it sustained no hurt. An other night, when the Family were all sleeping, there was the full of an back-creel of Peas, set together in midst of the house floor, and fire put in them, the smoak wakened the Family, otherwise the house had been burnt; yet nothing all the while was either seen or heard.

Upon the 7th. of *March* there were stones thrown in the House, in all the places of it, but it could not be discovered from whence they came, what, or who threw them: After this manner it continued till the *Sabbath*, now and then throwing both in the night and day, but was busiest throwing in the night time.

Upon *Saturday*, the Family being all without, the Children coming in, saw something, which they thought to be a body sitting by the fire-side, with a Blanket (or Cloath) about it, whereat they were afraid: The youngest, being a boy about 9 or 10 years of age, did chide the rest, saying, why are you fear'd? let us same (or bless) our selves, and then there is no ground to fear't: he perceived the blanket to be his, and fainting

ing (or blessing) himself, ran and pulled the blanket from it, saying, be what it will, it hath nothing to do with my blanket; and then they found it to be a four footed Stool set upon the end, and the blanket cast over it.

Upon the *Sabbath*, being the 11th. of *March*, the Crook and Pot-clips were taken away, and were wanting four days, and were found at last on a loast, where they had been sought several times before. This is attested by *Charles Macklesane* of *Colline*, and *John Cairns* in *Ha-dhills*. It was observed that the Stones which hit any person, had not half their natural weight, and the throwing was more frequent on the *Sabbath*, than at other times: and especially in time of Prayer, above all other times, it was busiest, then throwing most at the person praying. The said *Andrew Mackie* told the matter to me upon *Sabbath* after Sermon; upon the *Tuesday* thereafter I went to the house, did stay a considerable time with them, and prayed twice, and there was no trouble: Then I came out with a resolution to leave the house, and as I was standing, speaking to some men at the barn end, I saw two little stones drop down on the Croft at a little distance from me; and then immediately some came crying out of the house, that it was become as ill as ever within: whereupon I went into the house again, and as I was at Prayer, it threw several stones at me, but they did no hurt, being very small; and after there was no more trouble till the 18 day of *March*: and then it began as before, and threw more frequently, greater stones, whose strokes were sorer where they hit: and thus it continued to the 21. Then I went to the house and stayed a great part of the night, but was greatly troubled; stones, and several other things were thrown at me; I was struck several times on the sides, and shoulders, very sharply with a great staff, so that those who were present heard the noise of the strokes: that night it threw off the bed-side, and rapped upon the Chifts and Boards, as one calling for access: This is attested by *Charles Macklesane* of *Colline*, *William Mackinnin*, and *John Tan* in *Torr*. That night, as I was once at Prayer, leaning on a bed-side, I felt something pressing up my arme, I casting my eyes thither, perceived a little white Hand and Arm from the elbow down, but presently it vanished. It is to be observed, that notwithstanding of all that was felt and heard, from the first to the last of this matter, there was never any thing seen, except that hand I saw, and a Friend of the said *Andrew Mackie*'s said he saw as it were a young Man, red faced, with yellow hair, looking in at the Window;

dow; and other two or three Persons, with the said *Andrew* his Children, saw at several times, as it were a young Boy about the age of 14 years with gray Cloths, and a bonnet on his head, but presently disappeared; as also what the three Children saw sitting by the fire-side.

Upon the 22 the Trouble still increased, both against the Family, and against the Neighbours who came to visit them, by throwing stones, and beating them with staves; so that some were forced to leave the house before their inclination: This is attested by *Charles Macklelane* of *Collins*, and *Andrew Tait* in *Torr*. Some it would have met as they came to the house, and stoned with stones about the yards, and in like manner stoned as they went from the house: of whom *Thomas Telfair* in *Stocking* was one. It made a little Wound on the said *Andrew Mackie's* brow, did thrust several times at his shoulder, he not regarding, at last it gripped him so by the hair, that he thought something like nails of fingers scratched his skin. It dragged several up and down the house by the Cloaths: This is attested by *Andrew Tait*. It gripped one *John Krige* Miller in *Achincarrin* so, by the side, that he intreated his Neighbours to help, and cried, it would rive the side from him. That night it lifted the Cloaths off the Children, as they were sleeping in bed, and beat them on the hips, as if it had been with ones hand, so that all who were in the house heard it. The door-barr, and other things, would go thorow the house as if a person had been carrying them in their hand, yet nothing seen doing it: This is attested by *John Telfair* in *Achinslesk*, and others. It rattled on the Chests and Bed sides with a staff, and made a great noise; and thus it continued by throwing stones, striking with staves, and rattling in the house, till the 2d. of *April*, at night it cried *Wisht, Wisht*, at every Sentence in the close of Prayer; and it *Whistled* so distinctly, that the Dog barked, and ran to the door, as if one had been calling to hound him.

April 3. It *whistled* several times, and cried *wisht, wisht*, this is attested by *Andrew Tait*. Upon the 4th, of *April*, *Charles Macklelane* of *Collins* Laird-lord, with the said *Andrew Mackie*, went to a certain Number of *Ministers* met at *Battle*, and gave them an Account of the matter; where upon these *Ministers* made publick Prayers for the Family, and two of their Number, viz. *Mr. Andrew Evans* Minister of *Kells*, and *Mr. John Murdoch* Minister of *Cornmichael* came to the House and spent that Night in fasting and praying: But it was very cruel against them, especially by throwing great Stones some of them about half an stone weight: It wounded *Mr.*

Andrew Ewart twice in the Head, to the effusion of his Blood, it pulled off his Wigg in time of Prayer, and when he was holding out his Napkin betwixt his hands, it cast a Stone in the Napkin, and therewith threw it from him: It gave Mr. *John Murdo* several sore strokes; Yet the wounds and Bruises received did soon cure: There were none in the House that Night escaped from some of its fury and cruelty: That Night it threw a fire peert amongst the People; But did no hurt, it only disturbed them in time of prayer: And also in the dawning, as they rose from Prayer, the Stones poured down on all who were in the House to their hurt. this is attested by Mr. *Andrew Ewart* Mr. *John Murdo*, *Charles Mackelane*, and *John Tait*.

Upon the 5th. of *Aprile*: It set some Thatch-straw in fire which was in the Barne-yard: At night the House being very throng with Neighbours, the Stones were still thrown down among them; As the said *Andrew Mackie* his Wife went to bring in some peets, for the fire when she came to the door, she found a broad Stone to shake under her foot, which she never knew to be loose before: She resolved with her self to see what was beneath it in the morning there after.

Upon the 6th. of *Aprile*, when the House was quiet, she went to the stone, and there found Seven small bones, with Blood, and some Flesh, all closed in a peice of Old suddled Paper, the Blood was fresh and bright: The sight whereof troubled her, and being affraid, laid all down again; And ran to *Colline* his House, being an quarter of an Mile distant: But in that time, it was worse then ever it was before, by throwing Stones, and fire-Balls, in and about the House, but the fire as it lighted did Evanish: In that time it threw an Hot-stone into the bed betwixt the Children, which burnt through the bed cloaths; And after it was taken out by the Mans Eldest Son, and had lye on the floor more nor an Hour, and an half; the said *Charles Maccelan* of *Collins* could not hold it in his hand for heat: this is attested by *Charles Mackelane*. It thrust an Staff thorow the Wall of the house above the Children in the bed, shook it over them, and Groaned. When *Colline* came to the house, he went to Prayer before he Offered to lift the Bones; all the while he was at Prayer it was most cruel: But as soon as he took up the Bones the trouble ceased. (this is attested by *Charles Mackelane*) he sent them presently to me; upon sight whereof I went immediately to the house: while I was at Prayer, it threw great Stones which Hitt me: But they did not hurt: Then there was no more trouble that Night.

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The 7th. *Aprile*, being the *Sabbath* it began again: and threw Stones; and wounded *William Macminn* a *Black-smith* on the Head, it cast a *Plough-sock* at him, and also an *Trough-stone* upwards of three stone Weight, which did fall upon his Back, yet he was not hurt thereby. Attested by *William Macminn*, it set the house twice in fire, yet there was no hurt done in respect some neighbours were in the house, who helped to quench it, at Night in the twilight as *John Mackie* the said *Andrew Mackie* his Eldest Son was coming home, near to the house, there was an Extraordinary light fell about him, and went before him to the house, with a swift Motion. That night it continued after its wonted manner.

Aprile 8th. In the morning as *Andrew Mackie*, went down the Closs he found a Letter both written and Sealed with Blood; it was directed on the back thus. 3 years tho shall have to repent a net it well And within was written: **To be to the Cottland Repent and tak warning for the door of hauen at all Redy bart agaisst the I am sent for a warning to the to flee to god yet troublet shallt this man be for twenty days a; rpent repnent opent scotland or els tow shall.** In the middle of the day, the Persons alive who lived in that house since it was Built, being about 28 Years: were conveyed by appointment of the *Civil Magistrate*, before *Colline my self and others* and did all touch the Bones, in respect there was some Suspicion of secret Murder committed in the place: But nothing was found to discover the same.

Upon the 9th. of *Aprile*, the Letter and Bones were sent to the Ministers who were all Occasionally met at *Kirkcudbright*, they appointed five of their number: viz. *Mr. John Murdo*, *Mr. James Monteb*, *Mr. John Mackmillan*, *Mr. Samuel Spalding*, and *Mr. William Falconer* with me to go to the House, and spend so much time in Fasting and Praying as we were able.

Upon the 10 of *Aprile*. We went to the house, and no sooner did I begin to open my Mouth; but it threw stones at me, and all within the House, but still worst at him who was at Duty: It came often with such force upon the house that it made all the house Shake, it brake an hole thorow the Timber and Thatch of the House, and poured in great Stones; one whereof more then an Quarter weight fell upon *Mr. James Monteb* his back, yet he was not hurt, it threw an other with great force at him when he was praying bigger then a Mans fist which hit him on the Breast yet he was neither hurt nor moved thereby; it was thought fit that one of

our number, with an other person, should go by turnes; and stand under the hole in the outside: so there was no more trouble from that place; But the Barne being joyned to the end of the House, it brake down the Barne Door and Mid-wall and threw stones up the House; But did no great hurt: It Gripped, and Handled the Legs of some, as with a Mans hand; It Hoisted up the feet of others while standing on the ground; thus it did to *William Lennox of Mill-house, my Self and others*, in this manner it continued till Ten a Clock at night; But after that there was no more trouble while we were about the house this is Attested by Mrs. *James Monteith, John Murdo, Samuel Spalding, Mr. Falconer William Lennox, and John Tait*, The 11. 12. 13. It was worse then ever it was before; for not any who came into the House did escape heavy strokes; There was one *Andrew Tait* in *Torr*, as he was coming to stay with the Familie all night, by the way his Dog Caught a *Thulward*, when he came in he cast it by in the house, thereafter there were other three young Men who came in also: And when they were all at Prayer the Evil Spirit beat them with the dead *Thulward*, and threw it before them; The three who knew it not to be in the house were greatly affrighted, especially one *Samuel Thomson a Chapman*, whom it also gripped by the Side and Back, and thrust as if it had been an hand beneath his Cloaths, and into his Pockets, he was so affrighted that he took Sicknefs immediatly, this is Attested by *Andrew Tait*.

The 14th. being the Sabbath, it set some straw in fire that was in the Barn-yard, and threw stones while Ten a Clock at night, it threw an Dike-spade at the said *Andrew Mackie* with the Mouth toward him; But he received no hurt, while an *Meal-bive* was tossed up and down the house the said *Andrew Mackie* takes hold of it, and as it were with difficulty gets the grip kept; At last all within the Rim is torn out, thereafter it threw an handful of the *Sive* Rolled together at *Thomas Robertson in Ards*, who was Witnefs to this, yet in all thir Actings there was never any thing seen but what I mentioned. before.

Upon the 15th. *Aprile William Anderson a Drower and James Paterfson* his Son in Law, came to the house with *Collins* in the Evening, *Collins* going Home a while within night, the said *Andrew Mackie* sent his Sones to convey him: As they returned, they were Cruelly stoned, and the stones Rolled amongst their Legs like to break them: Shortly after they came in, it wounded *William Anderson* on the Head to the great Effusion of his Blood, in time of Prayer it *Whistled, Groaned, and Cried Whisht, Whisht*, this is Attested by *John Cairnes*.
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The 16. It continued *Whifling, Groaning, Whifling*, and throwing stones in time of Prayer, it cryed *bo, bo,* and *Kick, Cuck,* and shoke men back and forward, and Hoisted them up as if it would lit them off their knees, this is Attested by *Andrew Tait.*

The whole Family went from the house, and left five Honest neighbours to wait on the same all night but there was no hurt done to them nor the Family where they were, nor to those neighbours who stayed in the said *Andrew Mackie* his house, only the Cattle were cast over other to the hazard of killing them as they were bound to the Stakes, and some of them were loosed, this is Attested by *John Cairnes.*

Upon the 18. They returned to their House again, and there was no hurt done to them nor their Cattle that night except in a little House where there were some Sheep, it coupled them together in paires by the Neck, with Straw Ropes, made of an Bottle of straw, which it took off an Loft in the Stable, and carryed to the Sheep-house, which is three or four pair of Burts distant, and it made mo Ropes than it needed for binding the Sheep which it left beside the straw in the Sheep-house, this is Attested by *Andrew Tait.*

Upon the 19. it fired the straw in the Barn, but *Andrew Mackie* put it out (being there Threshing) without doing any hurt: it shut Staves thorow the Wall at him but did no hurt.

The 20. it continued throwing stones, *Whifling* and *Whifling* with all its former words, when it hit any Person, and said, take you that till you get more, that person was sure immediatly of an other, but when it said take you that, the person got no more for a while, this is Attested by *John Tait.*

The 21. 22. 23. It continued casting Stones, beating with Staves and throwing Peet-mud in the faces of all in the House, especially in time of Prayer with all its former Tricks.

The 24. Being a day of Humiliation appointed to be kept in the Parish for that cause; all that day from Morning to Night, it continued in a most fearfull manner without intermission, throwing Stones with such cruelty and force that all in the House feared lest they should be killed.

The 25th. it threw Stones all night, but did no great hurt.

The 26th. it threw stones in the evening, and knocked on a Chist seven times, as one to have access; and began to speak, and call those who were sitting in the house *Whibes*, and *Rufes*, and said it would take them

to Hell. The People then in the house said among themselves, if it had any to speak to it, now it would speak. In the mean time Andrew Mackie was sleeping, they wakened him, and then he hearing it say, *Thou shalt be troubled till Tuesday*, asked, Who gave thee a Commission? To whom it answered, *God gave me a Commission; and I am sent to warn the Land to repent; for a Judgement is to come if the Land do not quickly repent, and commanded him to reveal it upon his perill; and if the Land did not repent, it said it would go to its Father, and get a Commission to return with an hundred worse than it self, and would trouble every particular Family in the Land: Andrew Mackie said to those who were with him, if I should tell this, I would not be believed. Then it said, Fetch betters, fetch the Minister of the Paroch, and two honest men upon Tuesdays night, and I shall declare before them what I have to say. Then it said, Praise me, and I will rebuile to you, Worship me, and I will trouble you no more. Then Andrew Mackie said, The Lord, who delivered the three Children out of the fiery Furnace, deliver me, and mine this night, from the Temptations of Satan: Then it replied, *You might as well have said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego*. In the mean time while Andrew Mackie was speaking, there was one James Telfair in *Buttle*, who was adding a word, to whom it said, *You are basely bred, meddling in other mens Discourse, wherein you are not concerned*. It likewise said, *Remove your Goods, for I will burn the house*. He answered, the Lord stop Satan's Fury, and hinder him of his Designs. Then it said, *I will do it, or you shall guide well*: All this is attested by *John Tait in Torr, and several others who cannot subscribe*.*

Upon the 27 it set the house seven times in fire. The 28, being the Sabbath, from Sun rising to Sun setting, it still set the house in fire, as it was quenched in one part, instantly it was fired in an other: and in the evening, when it could not get its Designs fulfilled in burning the house it pulled down the end of the house, all the stone-work thereof, so that they could not abide in it any longer, but went and kindled their fire in the stable.

Upon the Sabbath night, it pulled one of the Children out of the bed, gripping him as he thought, by the craig and shoulders, and took up the block of a tree, as great as a plough-head, and held it above the Children, saying, if I had a Commission I would brain them: thus it expressed it self, in the hearing of all who were in the house: attested by *William Mackinnon, and John Corshy*.

The 29. being Munday, it continued Setting fire in the house, the said *Andrew Mackie* finding the House so frequently set in fire, and being weary quenching it, he went and put out all the Fire that was about the House, and poured water upon the Hearth; yet after, it Fired the House several times, when there was no Fire within an quarter of an Mile of the house: this is Attested by *Charles Maclelane* and *John Cairnes*. In the midst of the day, as *Andrew Mackie* was threshing in the Barne, it *whispered* in the wall and then cryed *Andrew, Andrew*, but he gave no Answer to it: Then with an *Aufter, Angry Voece* as it were, it said *Speak*: Yet he gave no Answer; Then it said, *be not troubled, you shall have no more trouble, except some casting of Stones upon the Twesday to Fulfill the promise, and said take away your Straw*, I went to the house about Eleven a Clock it Fired the house once after I went there, I stayed all Night till betwixt Three and Four in the Twelcdays morning, dureing which time there was no trouble about the House, except two little stones dropped down at the Fire-side as we were sitting down at our first entry; a little after I went away, it began to throw stones as formerly, this is Attested by *Charles Maclelane* and *John Tait*.

Upon *Tuesdays* night, being the 30 of *April*, *Charles Maclelane* of *Colline*, with several Neighbours, were in the barne, as he was at prayer he observed a *Black thing* in the corner of the barne, and it did increase, as if it would fill the whole house, he could not discern it to have any Form; but as if it had been a *black Cloud*, it was affrighting to them all; and then it threw *Bear-chaff*, and other mud upon their faces, and after did grip severals who were in the house by the middle of the Body, by the Arms and other parts of their Bodies so strait, that some said, for five days thereafter they thought they felt these gripps: after an hour or two of the night was thus past, there was no more Trouble. This is attested by *Charles Maclelane*, *Thomas Mackminn*, *Andrew Palmer*, *John Cairns*, and *John Tait*:

Upon *Wednesdays* night, being the 1 of *May*, it fired a little Sheep-house the Sheep were got out safe, but the Sheep-house was wholly burnt. Since there hath not been any trouble about the House by night nor by day. Now all things aforesaid being of undoubted Verity, Therefore I conclude with that of the Apottle, *1 Pet. 5. 8, 9. Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the Devil, as a roaring Lyon walketh about seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the Faith:*

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*This Relation is attested, as to what
they particularly saw, heard, and
felt, by.*

Mr. Andrew Ewart Minister at Kells.

Mr. James Monteith Minister at Borg.

Mr. John Murdo Minister at Corfmichael.

Mr. Samuel Spalding Minister at Partan.

Mr. William Falconer Minister at Keltoun.

Charles Mackelane of Colnas.

William Lennox of Millhouse.

Andrew Tait in Torr.

John Tait in Torr.

John Cairns in Hardhill.

William Mackinn.

John Corsby.

Thomas Mackinn.

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